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Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Chair  
Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River Committee

RE: Council File No. 21-0372

On May 19, 2021, the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee considered a March 24, 2021 Controller report relative to illegal dumping in the public right-of-way. After consideration, and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to make the following recommendations:

1. NOTE and FILE the March 24, 2021 Controller's Report, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Bureau of Street Services, Los Angeles Police Department and Department of Recreation and Parks to reconvene the previously formed interdepartmental illegal dumping working group.
3. INSTRUCT the BOS, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer as needed, to report in 60 days in regard to:
  - a. The number of existing vacancies within the BOS's Watershed Protection, Livability Services and RecyclA divisions, as well as the number of permanent, dedicated illegal dumping crews, including a camera crew, required to meet demand for services and enforcement.
  - b. The creation of a dedicated sworn public officer classification for Environmental Compliance Officer positions to improve recruitment and retention.
  - c. The feasibility of purchasing, installing and maintaining 60 additional illegal dumping cameras in order to more effectively investigate and enforce illegal dumping incidents in the City of Los Angeles.

4. INSTRUCT the BOS, with the assistance of the City Attorney as needed, to report in 60 days with an analysis of existing fees to ensure cost recovery for commercial facility inspection services, as well as fine levels to ensure a sufficient deterrence for illegal dumping activity.

This file is now transmitted to the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and Equity Committee.

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Vote:

Koretz: Yes  
Harris-Dawson: Absent  
Bonin: Yes